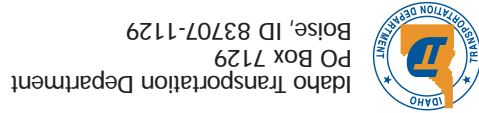


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- Public workshop update.
- Improvements you identified for Idaho 55 in Boise County.
- Next steps for the corridor study.

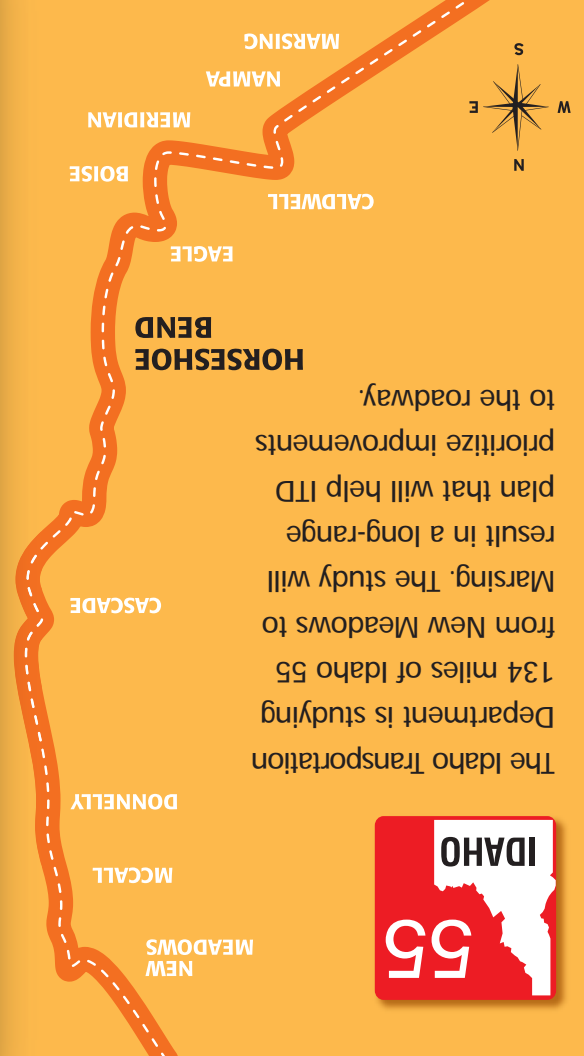
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IDAHO 55 CORRIDOR STUDY NEWSLETTER BOISE COUNTY

The Idaho Transportation Department has hosted seven public meetings in counties along Idaho 55 to gather comments about corridor needs and future improvements.

Look inside to read what we learned in Boise County.



The Idaho Transportation Department is studying 134 miles of Idaho 55 from New Meadows to Marsing. The study will result in a long-range plan that will help ITD prioritize improvements to the roadway.



ABOUT THE IDAHO 55 CORRIDOR STUDY

Idaho 55 is one of the few north-south corridors that connects southern and

central Idaho. It begins in New Meadows, runs through six counties and ends just outside Marsing. More than 110 miles of the highway are designated the Payette River Scenic Byway for the beautiful mountain forests and whitewater rapids along the way.

The Idaho 55 corridor study includes 134 miles and six counties from New Meadows to Marsing. It involves:

- **Developing a long-range plan** that will help set policies and projects over the next 20 years.
- **Identifying current and future needs.** ITD will consider safety, access, traffic and environmental issues.
- **Gathering information** from engineering studies, community input, and city, county and highway district goals.
- **Setting priorities for improvements.**



FOR MORE INFORMATION

about the Idaho 55 Corridor Study, visit itd.idaho.gov and select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *Idaho 55 Corridor Study*, or contact:

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Se les recomienda a las personas que necesitan un intérprete o arreglos especiales que llamen al coordinador de participación público al (208) 334-4444 ó TDD/TDY (208) 334-4458.

THANK YOU!

Approximately 42 people attended workshops in December 2008 in Horseshoe Bend. Participants were asked to give input on needs, new developments and future improvements for Idaho 55 in Boise County.

WHAT WE HEARD

Frequent comments included the following themes:

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

- Add turn lanes or passing lanes.
- Improve sight distance on curves.
- Enforce speed limits.
- Alternate route is needed.

FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENTS

- Developers should pay for roadway improvements.
- Build overpasses, acceleration/deceleration lanes and other improvements around new subdivision.
- Emphasize local priorities.

SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

- Several participants identified specific intersections or mileposts for improvement. A detailed summary of comments is available on the project Web site at itd.idaho.gov (select *Projects, Southwest Idaho* and *Idaho 55 Corridor Study*).

NEXT STEPS

You will be notified when the draft corridor plan is available for review.

Spring

2009

Summer/Fall

Finish conducting public workshops in other counties along Idaho 55.

Distribute the draft corridor plan.

Fall/Winter

2009/2010

Winter

Work with local jurisdictions to conduct public hearings.

Publish the final corridor plan.